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SUBJ: UTAH MINING CO INTEREST IN SENEGAL

REF: BRISBANE 0029 (NOTAL

1. T S A R Y OF UTAH INTNL INC. OF SAN FRANCISCO
ALONG WITH OLIVER WARIN AND CHRIS GREGORY, TWO
REPS OF FIRM'S AUSTRALIA-BASED SUBSIDIARY,
UTAH DEVELOPMENT CO, VISITED DAKAR MAR 10-15.
UTAH INTERESTED IN OBTAINING EXPLORATION RIGHTS FOR
SOUTH EASTERN SENEGAL TO SEARCH FOR URANIUM AND
OTHER MINERALS. TEAM HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY
OFFICIALS, GOS DIRECTOR OF MINES, MOUHAMADOU SY, AND
MOUSTAPHA N'DIAYE, DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENTS IN MINISTRY
OF PLAN. ALSO MADE OVERFLIGHT OF AREA OF INTEREST.

2. UTAH OFFICIALS WERE PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF VISIT.

THEY PROMISED TO PREPARE INFO REQUESTED BY
SENEGALESE OFFICIALS BEFORE RETURNING TO DAKAR, PROBABLY
IN MID OR LATE APRIL. A R Y PLANS TO CONTACT AF/W (REHFUSS)
BEFORE RETURN TO SENEGAL. SENEGALESE MIN OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT LOUIS ALEXANDRENNE, KEY MAN
ON MINERALS PROJECTS, WAS ABSENT FROM DAKAR DURING
UTAH OFFICIAL'S VISIT. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE APPOINTMENT
FOR GROUP WITH HIM WHEN INFORMED OF DEFINITE DATE GROUP
WILL RETURN.

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3. SENEGALESE OFFICIALS WERE CAUTIOUSLY RECEPTIVE TO UTAH'S LOW-KEY APPROACH. UTAH IS ANXIOUS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT WITH GOS BEFORE COMPETITORS BEGIN TO SHOW INTEREST IN AREA. UTAH APPEARS SERIOUS AND WILLING TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN EXPLORATION PROGRAM BASED ON SIMILARITIES IN GEOLOGIC STRUCTURES OF SENEGALESE AREA AND PORTION OF AUSTRALIA WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLE URANIUM.

4. UTAH REQUESTS THAT THEIR INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY OTHER AMERICAN FIRMS.
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